

LEGACY

UT students, faculty mourn loss of alumna Margaret Berry

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Under a dark Tower Monday night, UT honored a distinguished alumna and passionate Longhorn — Margaret C. Berry.

Berry died at the age of 101 just after midnight Sunday, according to the Austin American-Statesman, ending a lifetime as an active member and an alumna of the University her whole life.

Born in 1915 in Dawson, Texas, Berry received her Bachelor of Arts in history from UT in 1937 and her master's and doctorate in history from Columbia University. Berry was the only individual to be both a member of Texas Orange Jackets and an honorary Tejas brave.

Tejas Club President McKay Proctor, English and business honors senior, said Berry was an incredible friend, mentor and godmother to the Tejas braves.

"The Club has been around for 90 years, (and) we have been guided by Margaret C. Berry for the majority of that,"

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UTPD officers talk crime in big cities

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Michael Murphy was one block away from Cole Hall during his sophomore year at Northern Illinois University when a former student entered the classroom, fatally shot five people and wounded 16 others in a 2008 St. Valentine's Day massacre.

"That's when my career plans made a turn," said Murphy, a UT Police Department Officer. "I saw how fast the police reacted and threw themselves into danger to protect that community. That's something that I keep with me even now."

Like many UTPD officers, Murphy brought a diverse background in law enforcement with him when he began at UTPD. After working for two years as a patrol officer with the Village of Crestwood Police Department in the southside of Chicago, Murphy decided to make the transition to campus policing about three years ago.

"Directing traffic in a blizzard just wasn't something I wanted to do my whole life,"

Murphy said. "When I was presented with the opportunity to serve with (UTPD), I knew it was perfect. My life had led me full circle after (the shooting)."

Murphy's transition from a big city to campus is an experience many UTPD officers share.

For 28 years, officer William Pack worked with the Los Angeles Police Department combating Hollywood prostitution, central LA gangs and even the Rodney King riots before settling down at UT.

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UT Police Department Officers Michael Murphy (left) Michael Lerner (center) and William Pack (right) are all transitioning into UTPD after serving for a bigger city police department.

POLICY

House bill to determine state botanical garden

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The Texas House of Representatives tentatively approved a bill that would designate UT Austin affiliate Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center as the state botanical garden and arboretum.

State Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, said House Bill 394 would expand the Center's educational programs, research projects and conservation work. Founded in 1982 by former first lady Lady Bird Johnson and actress Helen Hayes, the Center is the largest of its kind in the state to showcase only flowers and plants native to Texas.

"This is a simple but — I would call it — momentous bill honoring the contributions to Texas of Lady Bird Johnson and the wildflower center which bears her name," Howard said last



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Helen Hulen, left, and Linda Jones, right, walk through the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Wednesday afternoon. Awaiting a final vote on House Bill 394, the UT affiliate could become the state botanical garden and arboretum.

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UNIVERSITY

Freshmen use Facebook page to locate missed connections

By Rajya Atluri
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After meeting a girl in Jester East, riding the elevator with her and never getting her name, Ben Montero decided to post about the experience on the UT Class of 2020 Facebook page, asking his peers for help in finding her.

"Me as a person — I'm a very quirky guy," said Montero, a theater studies freshman. "I didn't want them to think I was weird or something. I was like 'I'm really curious who this girl is, so hopefully I'll find her.' My gut was telling me: Just do it."

These "missed connections" posts have appeared multiple times on the Class of 2020 Facebook page, said Beth Waldman, communications coordinator of Student Success Initiatives. Waldman, an administrator of the Class of 2020 Facebook page, said she also manages the pages for the other classes at UT but has only seen these kinds of posts with the current freshmen.

"From what I have observed in the last three months, you know students are always making connections through the Facebook page, so I would



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Mathematics freshman Abby Gail Trino is one of the many posting in the UT Class of 2020 Facebook Page about

say that ultimately it is a platform for (finding people)," Waldman said. "We're happy to see people engaging with each other and trying to making friends."

Montero received more than 140 likes and 20 comments on his post, and even got messages from people living in Jester East offering to share his post in other groups. Although he never found the girl, Montero said he was happy with the positive response he received from his peers.

Not everyone felt that way, however. Theater studies freshman Carrington Quezada said she did not support

his post and felt inclined to comment because she knew Montero personally.

"It's a case to case basis," Quezada said. "I think that it's kind of inappropriate because if somebody called me out like that I would be uncomfortable because I feel like the person getting called out is more inclined to do something they don't want to do because they're pressured by a whole student body of people who are like 'aw, this is so cute!'"

Mathematics freshman Abby Gail Trino had a similar experience to Mon-

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CAMPUS

Seeking Arrangements site sweeps UT campus

By Albert Zhao
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Public health senior Alexis watched a 42 year old man leave her apartment after a date where he not only footed the bill, but he paid her, too.

Last year, UT ranked 11th in the nation among universities for students sign ups as "sugar babies" on Seeking Arrangements, a website where both male and female users are paid to spend time with older, wealthy clients.

"It's just like using Tinder or Bumble. It's the same thing except you're going to get money," Alexis said. "I feel like people make it more dramatic than it really is."

"Sugar babies" are young students who receive financial rewards in return for providing varying levels of affection to a "sugar daddy" or "sugar momma."

Alexis said she used Seeking Arrangements to pay for her lifestyle — luxury handbags, high end make-up and jewelry for her puppy.

"I can't call my parents and ask them to give me \$350," Alexis said. "I can now just get the things that I want

more readily."

Violet, a radio-television-film sophomore and former user, said although the transactions are not required to be sexual, sometimes the clients pay too little if they aren't.

"The (clients) that offer the most money are always going to be the ones that are sexual," Violet said. "Most girls do it for quick cash to pay for things that they have to, or they do it for gifts."

Violet said the service made her feel like she was selling her body.

"These guys are obviously paying for things that are not normal in real relationships," Violet said. "You struggle with intimacy after."

The website numbers reveal that one in 71 UT students are currently on Seeking Arrangements, meaning an average class of 100 students likely contains several users.

The site mainly markets to female college students burdened with debt as the website displays a ticking student debt clock on its sign up page.

Josette D'Espyne,

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A group of rowers take advantage of the great weather on Lake Austin on Wednesday afterno on.

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Proctor said. “The impact she had within our 50 person circle alone was monumental. I can only begin to fathom what her loss will be.”

Proctor said Berry is one of eight honorary members of the Tejas Club,

Orange Jackets President Bethany Rolan, supply chain management and economics senior, said Berry was a well-known member of Orange Jackets.

“She was so visible and so

vital to campus,” Rolan said. “We’re looking forward to celebrating her life and remembering her and taking a moment to just really think about everything she did.”

Rolan said Orange Jackets will be serving as hosts at her funeral service.

Will O’Hara, interim co-executive director for Texas Exes, said he only met Berry once at a Tejas Club event.

“I was aware at that time I was standing in front of a legend,” O’Hara said. “She was late nineties (and) still sharp as

a tack ... We will remember her in a proper way because she meant so much to us. It was a real blow around here that she passed away.”

O’Hara said Berry received Texas Exes’ highest honor, the Distinguished Alumni Award, in 1996 and has been a longtime member of the Texas Exes Scholarship Committee.

Berry was also a longtime adviser to the Alpha Rho chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, the nation’s largest co-ed service fraternity. UT alumnus Robert Pennington, former president

of Texas APO, said he became who he is today because of APO and advisers like Berry, who was consistently calm and insightful.

“She made it safe to be vulnerable (and) to talk about what was challenging,” Pennington said. “There are only a handful of people like that in our life that make a profound difference, and she was one of them.”

UT alumna Mary Cameron, member of the first co-ed APO pledge class in 1976, said Berry served as an unofficial

historian to UT, authoring four books on its history in her lifetime. Berry also served as associate dean of women in 1962.

“She never married, (and) she didn’t have children of her own, so we all became her children,” Cameron said. “If anybody had orange blood, she did.”

Berry was honored as the namesake of the ground floor atrium of the Student Activity Center in April 2012. The Margaret C. Berry scholarship was established in 1978 for outstanding sophomore women in Texas Orange Jackets.


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“It’s completely different,” Pack said. “The city of Los Angeles is a violent and dirty place. In LA, people would deal drugs right in front of me. After 28 years ... it was just time to go.”

Pack said besides the lack of violent crime on campus, the largest difference between LAPD and UTPD is the community’s attitude

toward the police.

“In LA, I’d say hi to someone and they’d say, ‘Hey officer, what’s going on?’ and here I say hi to someone and they’re shocked that I’m talking to them, they just keep on walking by,” Pack said. “It blew my mind when I came to campus.”

While UT’s campus is considerably less violent than Los Angeles, Pack said some safety concerns remain universal.

“The things I see in a big city, I also see students and faculty doing here, like walking around (unaware of their surroundings),” Pack said. “Crime from the big city can still spill over into campus. It doesn’t matter where I go. I took this job because I enjoy preventing crime.”

Unlike Pack and Murphy, Officer Michael Larner transitioned to UTPD from within the city of Austin, beginning his career with UTPD five years ago after working for 25 years with the Austin Police Department.

“You still have a lot of the same theft and crime that occurs with the big city, but you’re just (seeing) less of it here,” Larner said. “APD and UTPD are both challenging. You’re dealing with the same crime, just in a smaller capacity.”

For officers transitioning from bigger cities, it’s

important to apply past experiences to campus policing, Larner said.

“We try to come in and give (UTPD) ideas and suggestions, and sometimes they work and sometimes they don’t,” Larner said. “You just have to bring in your experience and try to incorporate it in whatever way you can. In the end, it doesn’t matter what agency you go to, it’s just a different way of protecting and serving.”

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Seeking Arrangements public relations coordinator, said in an email that the site’s users are looking for mutually beneficial relationships and there are tools available like background checks to make them safe.


“Unfortunately, when someone is off the site and in a relationship, we as a dating site have no ability to intervene in personal relationships,” D’Espyne said. “The site is simply a platform.”

Alexis said she was content with the service because she had been selective with her clients since sophomore year and never chose someone she did not feel attracted to.

“You have to be forward and strong with your dating

TEXAS SUGAR BABIES

ONE IN EVERY SEVENTY-ONE LONGHORNS IS ON THE SITE



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game,” Alexis said. “Otherwise it’s really easy to get mistreated by someone who is older and has money.”

After depending on the service to pay the bills for a

year and a half, Violet finally quit using the service. She said girls who depend on the service for a living suffer emotional costs and would require “a tough skin” to

endure clients.

“You’re not yourself when you’re doing it,” Violet said. “You have to be somebody else. It emotionally screws you up.”

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month during the bill’s committee hearing. “It is a wonderful jewel that we have here in our state.”

Patrick Newman, the executive director of the Center, said the designation would help the Center spread its message of conservation and shed light on the important role of arboreta and botanic gardens across the state in conserving Texas’ floristic heritage.

“The designation will help

to elevate the Center’s critical mission of native plant conservation across Texas,” Newman said. “It clearly would enable us to recruit and retain talented staff and volunteers ... and marketing the Center as the state’s botanic garden and arboretum will increase visitation to our physical location.”

The 279 acre wildflower center has been affiliated with UT Austin since 2006 and is currently a part of the School of Architecture. The Center supports a graduate studio for landscape architecture students who are

working on master planning for the McDonald Observatory. Newman said the Center is also home to integrated biology faculty research projects, including switchgrass and bees.

“What we gain from our association with UT are a lot of really beneficial intangibles,” Newman said. “The ability to combine academic and applied research ... and the opportunity that we have to engage with our student body.”

Stacey Kaleh, chief communications officer for the School of Architecture, said in a

statement that the Center provides students with experimental research opportunities. The Center has also been a foundation for innovative and exciting projects, such as the Living Wall which opened last year, Kaleh said.

“As a research unit of the School of Architecture, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is a vital resource for our students and faculty,” Kaleh said in a statement.

A final vote in the House on the bill could come as early as today.

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tero last semester. She was in Kinsolving when she heard a boy playing a song she liked on the piano in the lobby. Trino half-jokingly offered to record him and make CDs out of the songs he was playing. Their conversation got cut

short when another girl started playing the piano, and Trino never caught his name.

“I was like, ‘You know what, this is so stupid and I’m probably going to cringe about it later, but I’m going to try it out’ so I made the post,” Trino said. “I thought it would be cool if we became friends.”

Trino decided to post on

Facebook because she had seen other similar posts, like biology freshman Teresa Vu’s, which had the hashtag #FindWaterBottleBoy2k16.

Vu was looking for a water bottle at the College of Natural Sciences fair when a boy handed her his, which later encouraged her to try to find him.

“I just thought that was a small act of kindness,” Vu said.

Ever since her post, Vu tries to support others with similar searches.

“Every time someone posts something like that, I always support them,” Vu said. “It’d be a cute love story to tell your grandkids.”

CELEBRATING RISING STARS IN CHEMICAL RESEARCH

The Welch Foundation Norman Hackerman Award in Chemical Research furthers chemical research in Texas each year by recognizing emerging researchers. The Welch Foundation proudly bestows the 2017 award upon Drs. Neal M. Alto and Delia J. Milliron.

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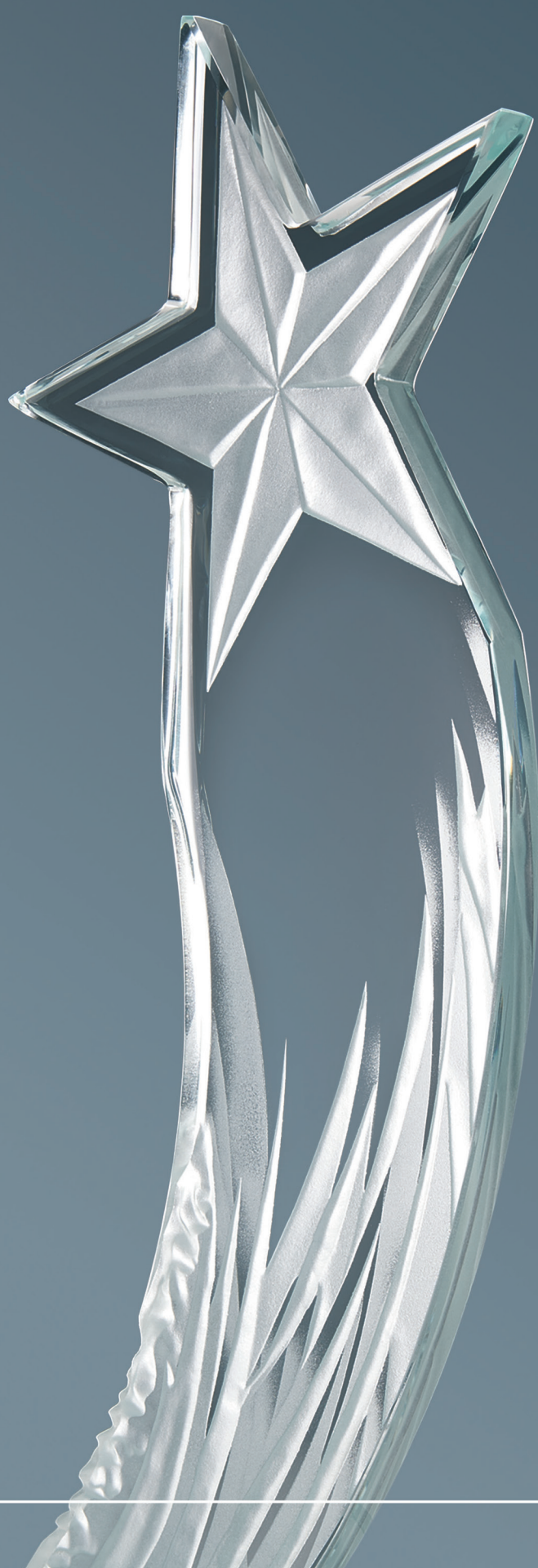
As an associate professor in the Department of Microbiology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, Dr. Alto's research group notably discovered the make up of host-pathogen complexes. This important finding illuminated how pathogens attack human cells, causing disease, which has opened the door for the development of novel antimicrobials.

Dr. Milliron, an associate professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, is known as a leader in the field of semiconductor nanocrystals. Milliron's research led to the discovery of a dynamic infrared coating for windows that has potential additional applications in areas as diverse as catalysis and medical imaging.

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COLUMN

Internal transfer difficulty fails UT students

By Ratnika Batra
Daily Texan Columnist

When we got accepted at UT, we celebrated this occasion with our high school friends, made our parents proud, imagined our bright future — a future of our own choice. For those of us who came in undeclared, we got to know that there is another race: A race to get into your desired major. We started completing a bunch of prerequisites — series of calculus, physics etc. We must also hurry up because once we cross the 60-hour mark, many of UT’s colleges won’t accept us. And if by chance, we choose a wrong major, a major that didn’t turn out quite how we imagined, we are stuck in it for the rest of our college careers because that’s life.

Most of the colleges at UT, including geosciences, engineering, architecture, fine arts and communications, have this rule. The main problem is the mentality that a higher graduation rate equates to success. But school is not a factory. We must focus on making students good at what they want to do in future rather than pushing them to graduate in whatever comes their way.

According to Maurie McNinis, Executive Vice President and Provost, the less-than-60-hour rule makes sure that students graduate in four years. This is partly because the longer the current students stay, the fewer new students can come in, and partly because it would be in their best interest to graduate in time so they can move on to the workforce.

“The University, in part supported by taxpayer’s dollars ... has limited capacity to educate students ... and we are trying to use them as efficiently for the students and for the state,” McNinis said. “Every year longer of education is more money (students) are spending on education and is a year that they are not in the workforce. For people who realize late in life that they have completely changed their mind, they will usually fix that by going to graduate school.”

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David A. Laude, Sr. Vice Provost for strategic Initiatives, said that the students come prepared and the increased competition leaves very limited seats for internal transfer students.

The internal transfer competition is “on a certain level, unfortunate, but it is also the consequence of UT Austin having become an extremely competitive, highly selective institution,” Laude says.

It is understandable that the educational resources are limited. But these resources also come from the educational taxes that the families of Texas resident students have paid. It would be unfair for students to graduate in an undesired

major, not because of a lack of effort, but because they are simply too late. Even the out-of-state students add on to these resources by paying three times more than Texas residents in tuition.

Moreover, it is not feasible for many of us to fix our mistakes by going to graduate school — it is insanely expensive and we already have loans piling up. Harder internal transfer criteria such as higher GPA requirement or finishing more prerequisites are better than entirely closing the option to choose a certain major.

There are schools, such as business and nursing, that have some flexibility for students who have completed more than 60 hours.

They recommend that students look for other options if they are above the 90-hour mark, which is better. But if that is taken into consideration above other factors in the process, then it is no good either.

The school administration is working hard for UT to be amongst the best institutions, and that is partly done by increasing the four-year graduation rate. But we must decide as a university, that graduating in four years is not more important than graduating in a desired major with the readiness to take on the world.

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COLUMN

Trump could dismatle Obama’s LGBTQ legacy

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There’s been some degree of relief among liberals that the legacy of President Barack Obama is proving more difficult to dismantle than many — including President Donald Trump — had anticipated. The Affordable Care Act, for the moment, remains the law of the land. The Iran nuclear deal has not been “torn up,” as Trump promised it would be. Obama’s historic measures to improve relations with Cuba have not been undone.

And both Trump and his recently confirmed Supreme Court nominee, Neil Gorsuch, have publicly acknowledged that same-sex marriage, which was made legal by the nation’s highest court in 2015, is settled law. For some reason, they get credit for this. If a president were to begrudgingly admit that, say, desegregation was “settled law,” we’d likely be less than

impressed. Worse still, if that president simultaneously took actions to further disadvantage the very same people who were victims of segregation, we’d likely regard him as a cruel and disingenuous hack.

So while Trump has reaped the benefits (such as they are) of being the most pro-LGBTQ Republican nominee in history, which is sort of like being the most pro-fish shark in history, his actions on LGBTQ rights are actually an area where he’s been particularly successful at dismantling the Obama legacy.

Two weeks ago, he rescinded an Obama executive order that required firms doing business with the federal government to prove that they didn’t discriminate based on sexual orientation and gender identity. A previous executive order, requiring that firms contracted by the federal government not practice such discrimination, remains in place, but companies no longer have to prove their compliance with it, which creates a loophole.

Mark Green, Trump’s nominee to replace outgoing Army Secretary Eric Fanning — the first openly gay head of any U.S. military service — has alarmed LGBTQ advocacy groups. Last year Green said that “transgender is a disease” and suggested that supposed federal overreach on same-sex marriage and the rights of transgender people might lead to “civil disobedience” and armed insurrection.

In February, the Trump administration ordered the nation’s schools to disregard guidelines issued by the Obama administration asserting the right of transgender students to use the bathroom of their choice. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said the issue was “best solved at the state and local level” — as if transgender students have different fundamental human rights in Seattle than they do in South Dakota.

Meanwhile, at the state and local level, assaults on LGBTQ rights continue with radio silence from the Trump administration. In

March, the North Carolina legislature passed a “repeal” of the state’s notorious anti-LGBTQ law that left in place many of the law’s discriminatory measures. Here in Texas, a bill that would let county clerks refuse to issue same-sex marriage licenses is making its way through the Senate.

Unlike his hero Andrew Jackson, whose painting hangs prominently in the Oval Office, Trump has yet to defy the Supreme Court outright — nor is he likely to, for what it’s worth. But the president once promised to do “everything in my power to protect our LGBTQ citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful foreign ideology,” and while he pronounced “LGBTQ” like he was ordering a sandwich, you could be forgiven for thinking that he meant it. Alas, it seems hateful domestic ideologies are another matter entirely for this president.

Groves is a government sophomore from Dallas.

COLUMN

Lawmakers finally move to address mental illness

By Madalyn Marabella
Daily Texan Columnist

Fortunately for Texans, our House of Representatives is avoiding the type of partisan bickering that plagues our national government. In the wake of President Donald Trump’s failed health care bill, House Speaker, Joe Straus, R-San Antonio has made quiet progress on several mental health bills in Texas. If the House keeps up its streak of bipartisan progress and the Senate supports its efforts, Texans could see improvements on one of our most pervasive problems.

In Texas, “mental health disorders are the leading cause of disability” and account for about 25 percent of potential years of life lost to illness. A startling 46 percent of people in the country have suffered from a mental health disorder.

Yet in Texas, solving these issues has not been a top priority until recently. We owe the increased attention to mental health to Straus, who “gave the subject matter its due time and credit,” according to Rep. Joe Moody, D-El Paso.

The House seeks to decrease the number of mental health disorders that go untreated. Of the Americans with mental health disorders, only about 40 percent of them receive care. If 60 percent of people with sprained ankles limped around untreated,

the state might have responded more swiftly. Although insurance companies must legally cover mental health as they cover physical health, that standard is often not well-enforced.

House Bill 10 would hold insurance companies accountable for covering mental health disorders as comprehensively as they cover other medical disorders by empowering the Texas Department of Insurance to more closely monitor healthcare plans.

The bill’s author, Rep. Four Price, R-Amarillo, promises the bill would also aid consumers who “are paying for coverage (but are) not able to access adequate treatment.”

A strength of HB 10, which drew broad support in the House, is that it seeks structural change and does not just throw money at the problem. Funneling money into a broken system has failed in the past, such as when an increase in funding did not decrease the wait list of psychiatric patients in 2016.

HB 10 shows that Texas lawmakers have learned from past failure and can unify across party lines for important issues.

HB 11, which Straus has also prioritized, would help diagnose mental health disorders at an earlier age and make mental health a more important component of health class curriculums in Texas schools.

We cannot dismiss mental health disorders even though they manifest less visibly



Gabriel Lopez | Daily Texan File Photo

Cars pass UT’s Student Services Building — home to the Counseling and Mental Health Center — on Aug. 31, 2016. Many Texans, including students, struggle with mental illness.

than other medical complications. Mental health disorders have been linked to approximately 90 percent of the 1.1 million suicides attempted annually.

As rates of anxiety and depression rise among younger Americans, particularly college students, state governments must

prioritize mental health. Fortunately, Joe Straus understands the severity of our mental health crisis. Texas voters should compel his fellow representatives to rally behind him.

Marabella is a business honors, Plan II and Spanish freshman from Austin.

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“We’re looking for a big that can really fit who we want to be on and off the court,” Smart said. “With losing Jarrett, there is a spot there. We feel like we have a lot to offer. We feel like Jarrett is a really, really good testament to what happens if you come in here and you work hard, you develop, you grow, you follow our plan.”

While Wednesday might have been a bit of a refreshing day for the program, Smart still was inevitably asked about last season, the worst since 1982-83. It’s been five weeks since Texas’ loss to West Virginia at the Big 12 Tournament ended the season. Smart says he’s been watching old games in reverse order and taking notes on where there needs to be improvement.

“As soon as the season gets done, it’s about how can we help these guys move forward,” Smart said. “What you don’t want to do is just flush the season down the toilet. As much as some of those guys might have wanted to do that, you got to get up close and personal with it and learn from it.”



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Head coach Shaka Smart is excited about the addition of signee Matt Coleman to his squad. Smart will continue to try to add pieces to Texas as signing period goes on and fill the void created by NBA-hopeful Jarrett Allen.

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that friendship and get to play ball on the field every day — you’ll remember that for the rest of your life.”

McCann wasn’t the only one who went through hardship after his departure. He said his decision was tough for his entire family. It was hard for his mother, especially.

“That was very difficult for us as parents because he’s played baseball since he was four years old,” McCann’s mother said. “It was hard on him, but it was hard on us as well because we missed it and it was something that has always been a part of our lives. So when it wasn’t for a

little bit we were kind of at a loss.”

It’s just been a year since McCann’s departure, but things have changed quite a bit since then. The catcher returned to the roster as a red-shirt sophomore after taking a year off, and he did it with a bang.

McCann went in Tuesday night’s matchup with Texas State batting .359 – the highest on the team. This forced head coach David Pierce to reward him with playing time, which is something most people, including his mother, weren’t sure how much to expect.

“Initially he didn’t get a lot of play time but he kind of worked his way into proving himself and getting to

go out there more mainly because of his batting,” McCann’s mother said. “It was very exciting to see him back on the field and be more involved than he was in his freshman year.”

As the Longhorns head into a three-game series with Baylor starting Thursday night, McCann continues to rewrite his story. And it’s fair to say that nobody is quite as happy as his mother, who was one of the first people he talked to after his first start of the season in Texas’ 6-1 victory over Rice on Feb. 18.

“I walked right up to her,” McCann said. “I said, ‘Mom, it only took me two and a half years to get back here in this spot, but it finally happened.’”

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Oklahoma series, now they will travel to Lubbock for their third Big 12 matchup against Texas Tech.

Texas currently leads the series all-time 36-10, boasting a 16-4 record in Lubbock. While the odds are historically on their side, the Longhorns are still looking to overcome barriers that prevent them from closing out games.

“The little things I would say are just seeing the ball all the way to the gloves,” Hanzel said. “And getting those timely hits, pitchers getting the pitches. Baserunning as well, people don’t really think about that, but I think

baserunning is one of the big things.

The fundamentals are important. The lack of communication in the outfield showed on Friday against the Sooners, where the Longhorns saw one collision and many near-collisions. Balls skimmed the gloves of the defense, allowing runners on base. And offensive production shows inconsistency, but when the production is there, the Longhorns see trouble rounding the bases.

But it’s still early in conference play and the Longhorns have time to make some changes.

“It’s about us,” Clark said. “Yeah, there’s another series, but it doesn’t matter who is wearing the other shirt. It’s

about what we’re doing and how we’re playing, what our mental approach is like and how we’re executing.”

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—Connie Clark
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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Men’s tennis falls to Baylor 4-1

Fans flooded Caswell Tennis Center on Wednesday. Another handful of burnt orange faithful watched from outside the fenced area, hoping to see their Longhorns take down No. 4 Baylor.

But the Bears proved to be a handful, overpowering Texas for a 4-1 win.

The Longhorns’ season-long struggles in doubles play continued as Baylor won the first two matches 6-3, 6-2.

“We had a terrible start in doubles,” head coach Michael Center said. “That set the tone and really put us in a hole, so I was pretty disappointed.”

The Bears stayed on the attack in singles play. Baylor’s Max Tchoutakian extended the lead to 2-0 with a 6-3, 6-1 win over freshman Christian Sigsgaard.

“Baylor always plays aggressive,” Center said. “We weren’t able to execute on some of the big points, so it just felt like we were fighting an uphill battle the whole night.”

Senior George Goldhoff brought some life to the Longhorns, besting Baylor’s Will Little 6-1, 7-5 to make it a 2-1 score.

The Bears responded, crushing all hopes of a comeback by winning the final two singles matches for a 4-1 win. The loss serves as a reminder to Texas that there’s room for improvement before entering postseason play in May.

“We didn’t play well enough to win,” Center said. “But we have a lot of tennis ahead of us. We just have to play a lot better overall if we’re going to beat some of the top teams like Baylor.”

The Longhorns face a quick turnaround as they play host to Texas Tech on Saturday at Caswell.

“Our guys are pretty disappointed with the loss, but we’ll be ready to play on Saturday,” Center said. “That’s for sure.”

—Justin Martinez

BASEBALL

McCann makes resurgent return to Texas

By Alex Brisen
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Michael McCann achieved his childhood dream when he made the Texas baseball roster during his freshman year.

That’s why it was such a surprise when the redshirt sophomore hung his cleats up and walked away from the diamond after just one season on the 40 Acres.

The catcher from Round Rock, Texas, played behind junior Michael Cantu for the majority of their freshman years. McCann only saw the field a mere five games in 2015 before making his decision to leave the program at the conclusion of his freshman year.

“The biggest reason for my departure was probably that I had no love for the game anymore,” McCann said. “I think, honestly, not that I didn’t play enough but just sitting in the dugout kind of really got to me.”

Last season, McCann’s name vanished from the roster. However, it didn’t take long for him to not only miss the game, but his teammates as well.

“I would turn on the TV, turn on Longhorn Network and watch the game,” McCann said. “I missed the game itself, yes, but mostly the guys. I have a great relationship with all these guys and the fact that we have



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff
After leaving the baseball program in 2015, redshirt sophomore catcher Michael McCann has returned to lead the team in batting average.

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SOFTBALL

Injuries, losses piling up for Longhorns



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff
Sophomore centerfielder Reagan Hathaway tore her ACL against Oklahoma last week. The injury parallels the recent struggles the team has faced.

By Leah Vann
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Sophomore centerfielder Reagan Hathaway was lying down in the outfield, holding her right knee in pain at the top of the third inning during last Friday’s matchup against Oklahoma.

Hathaway collided with senior first baseman Kelli Hanzel trying to catch a ball in the outfield, and now she’s out for the season with a torn ACL. Hathaway is a huge loss to the Texas offense, standing as the No. 3 hitter in the batting lineup. She currently leads the Big 12 in triples and holds the second most home runs and RBIs for the Longhorns.

But Hathaway’s injury is just another thing gone

wrong for the Longhorns this season. Freshman second baseman Jade Gortarez is also struggling with a foot injury, making her questionable from game to game. And the losses have been piling up.

In its first two Big 12 series, Texas has lost every single game. The Longhorns dropped every game to Oklahoma State by one run, and after battling close with the Sooners in game one, the Longhorns lost 3-1, 6-0 in the following games.

“I think we need to find a way to have some takeaways from it,” head coach Connie Clark said. “You have to find the good and the low points.”

The Longhorns have had a full week to recover from the

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Smart discusses Coleman, void left by foward Allen

By Trenton Daeschner
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Head coach Shaka Smart walked into his press conference Wednesday afternoon nearly 10 minutes late — but it was for good reason.

“Sorry I’m a little bit late,” Smart said. “I was actually on the phone with a recruit.”

It’s that time of year again for college basketball coaches around the country as Wednesday marked the first day of the spring signing period for recruits.

Wednesday’s press conference came directly on the heels of some important news surrounding the program. The school announced Tuesday night that freshman forward and NBA Draft prospect Jarrett Allen will hire an agent and not return to Texas.

Four-star point guard Matt Coleman of Oak Hill Academy (Virginia) signed his national letter of intent Wednesday morning. Coleman, who Smart has recruited since middle school, is widely considered to be the true floor general that Texas is missing.

“Matt Coleman is a pure point guard,” Smart said. “He orchestrates offense, he gets other guys shots, he makes everyone around him better ... He’s always been beyond his years in the way that he plays. He’s just gotten better and better over the years.”

The official addition of Coleman gives the Longhorns four signees in their 2017 recruiting class, which currently is ranked No. 6 in the nation by 247Sports.

Texas’ 2017 class also includes four-star

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We’re looking for a big that can really fit who we want to be on and off the court. With losing Jarrett, there is a spot there.

—Shaka Smart, Head Coach

shooting guard Jase Febres of Westfield High School (Houston), four-star power forward Royce Hamm of Aldine Davis High School (Houston) and four-star power forward Jericho Sims of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School (Minnesota).

Smart said he’s not done recruiting yet for this year’s class and that there could be more players on the way to Austin with three scholarships still available.

One of Smart’s main objectives moving forward is luring the prized No. 3 player in the nation, five-star power forward Mohamed Bamba, to Texas. Bamba, a Westtown School (New York City) product, also holds offers from Kentucky and Duke. Bamba was on the Team USA under-18 national team last summer, which was coached by Smart, along with Allen, Coleman and freshman center James Banks.

Smart could not comment on Bamba Wednesday due to NCAA rules prohibiting coaches from talking about any recruits who are unsigned. But Smart did say he is still looking to fill the hole Allen left.

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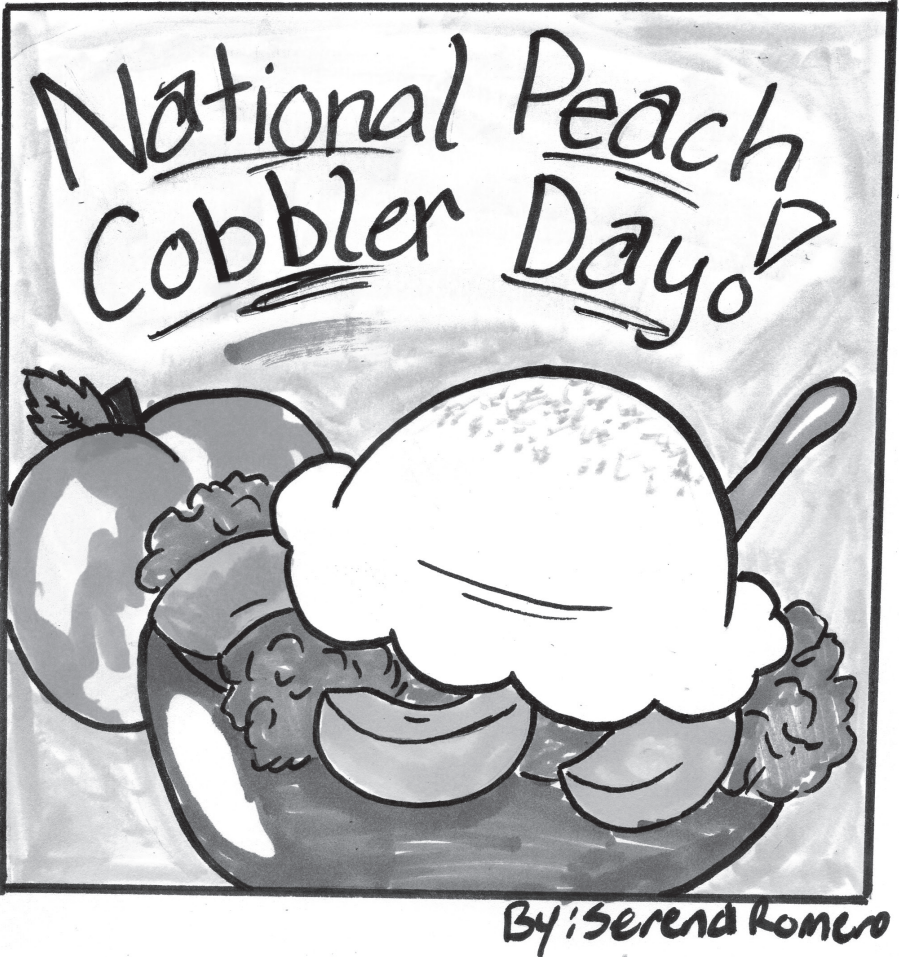
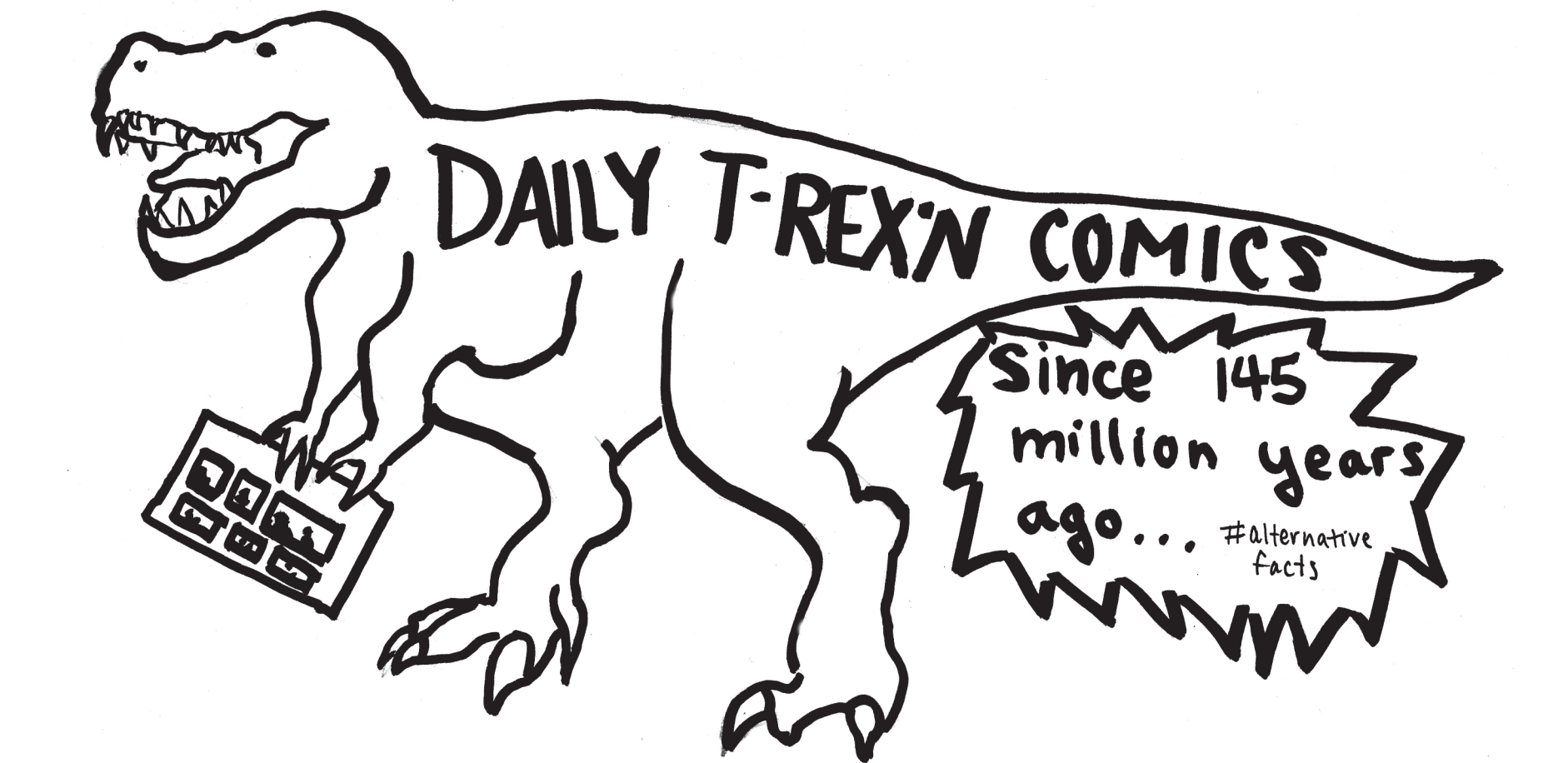


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1 "Don't text and drive" spots, e.g., for short
5 Dallas pro, informally
8 Extemporizes, in a way
12 R&B artist with the 2004 hit "1, 2 Step"
13 Manhattan's Park, e.g.: Abbr.
14 Shimmery stones
16 Substantial
17 Band's booking
18 "Make sense?"
19 First-class, in slang
20 Gilt-y party?
22 Retro skyscraper style
23 Sports monitor, for short
24 Actor Cage, to friends
25 Org. that penalizes icing
27 Like the yin side: Abbr.

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2 Office-friendly, to YouTubers
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4 "Here's a thought ..."
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6 Passionate
7 Pie made with dairy-free cheese, maybe
8 Brief, abrupt change in direction
9 Made an impression?
10 Have an unchanging, monogamous relationship
11 Peek into the everyday
12 Put on the map
15 Tread not so lightly
20 Unaccounted for, for short
21 "Put a cork in it!"

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42 You can see right through it
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FOOD



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Capitol Sandwich owner and chef Thomas Gardner makes a variety of hearty meat sandwiches. He aims to connect old Austin to new Austin with his foodtruck on Hancock Drive.

Thomas Gardner opens food truck

By Stephen Acevedo
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Four months after closing his first restaurant, the Republic of Sandwich, Thomas Gardner has resurrected his business in the form of Capitol Sandwich food truck.

“This neighborhood we were in was really supportive of the old sandwich shop and I hated leaving it because I got to know a lot of people around here,” Gardner said. “I would even get personal messages from my old customers asking when we were going to bring our food back.”

The idea of running a sandwich shop was born out of Gardner’s lifelong fascination with preparing meat.

“A natural outlet for that is to either open a butcher shop or a sandwich shop,” Gardner said. “I figured Austin was lacking in good sandwiches.”

Gardner said although Austin’s sandwich scene doesn’t seem to be on par yet with other cities in that regard, especially East Coast cities.

Capitol Sandwich takes the time to hand cure and smoke all of its meat in house, unlike other shops around town. Gardner also makes it a point of giving customers enough meat in their sandwiches to put their hunger to rest.

“I want to give people a quality product at a good price and also make sure people leave very full after eating their sandwich,” Gardner said. “A lot of these places that bill themselves as artisan or craft sandwiches, you pay a high price for it and you get your sandwich and there just isn’t that much meat in it, which isn’t fair to the customers.”

Capitol of Sandwich more than meets its two goals of providing quality sandwiches that will have people walking away with a big ole’ gut. The sandwiches are generously stuffed with copious amounts of meats, cheeses and veggies. Each ingredient listed on the menu shines clearly on its respective sandwich.

One of the most

commonly ordered sandwiches, the Big Bad Wolf, combines a formidable trio of pulled pork, bacon and ham with some melted provolone and a satisfyingly creamy topping of coleslaw. It’s like a barbecue sandwich on steroids.

While this sandwich will undoubtedly be too heavy for some patrons, the quality of the meat is still worth praising. The smoked ham in particular goes far beyond the basic saltiness of country ham with a delicious mixture of sugar, spices and herbs crusting its outer ring. It’s a daunting sandwich, but meat lovers will be exceptionally satisfied by its execution.

A good foil to the heaviness of the Big Bad Wolf is the Jive Turkey — a cold sandwich option with turkey, pesto, cherry peppers, tomato and pepper jack cheese. While still stuffed with an abundance of its respective ingredients, it’s still a much lighter sandwich that won’t leave customers wheezing as they walk to their cars.

Being a light sandwich doesn’t detract from the amount of flavor it delivers, though. The pesto, cherry peppers and tomato come together to yield a wonderfully tangy taste with the perfect hint of spice to satisfy a Texas palate.

Most of the sides offered at Capitol Sandwich are chips like at any other sandwich shop, but with one exception: kimchi sprouts. This side is a basic combination of sauteed brussel sprouts smothered in house-made kimchi, but the result of the mixture makes for a truly memorable side. With a substantial amount of chili flakes mixed in, the kimchi on this dish delivers an impressive amount of spice that blends perfectly well with the slight bitterness of the brussel sprouts. It’s definitely worth ordering over the chips.

Capitol of Sandwich does a great job of offering exciting takes on traditional sandwiches, and although the \$9-\$10 price range isn’t cheap, the quality of the ingredients is well worth the extra money.

ART



Chase Karacostas | Daily Texan Staff

Music composition senior Ben Stevenson (left) and graduate composition student Grace Ma (right) wrote music inspired by Marc Quinn’s Spiral of the Galaxy sculpture. The music was written for the upcoming third annual Sound in Sculpture concert.

Students make some noise, fuse sound with sculptures

By Acacia Coronado
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Art often demands the senses of sight and sometimes touch and smell, but, during Sound in Sculpture audiences will be invited to experience art through sound.

Texas Performing Arts has partnered with Landmarks, UT’s public art program, the college of fine arts and the school of music to showcase students’ musical compositions inspired by public art around campus. On Thursday at 6:30 p.m., the public will get the chance to hear these works during the third annual Sound in Sculpture concert, which will take place at and focus on art pieces around the Health Learning Building of the Dell Medical School.

“We are used to listening to music in a concert hall, (and) to viewing art in a certain setting,” said Tim Rogers, Student Engagement Coordinator for Texas Performing Arts. “We thought we could gain something by having the music performed right next to the work of art.”

The event, Rogers said, will be structured so the artists will be located next to the art. Guests will be asked to move from

one piece to the next to hear compositions.

“It is lots of different takes on the music,” Rogers said. “Even if you are looking at the same thing, everyone has a different perspective on what that might inspire.”

Musical composition sophomore Jessica Eubanks said she decided to create a piece for concert after being inspired by the art piece One Everyone by Ann Hamilton. She said she felt compelled by the way the photographs portray touch while the images themselves are art that can be only be seen and not touched.

Eubanks said she had to come up with a set of themes the piece represents for her, such as a collective unity, touch and physical care.

“It is sort of a musical metaphor for the way that we are different,” Eubanks said. “Each instrument uses itself to show how people are different, but we also come together and play at the same time.”

For music composition senior Ben Stevenson and graduate composition student Grace Ma, the magnitude of the Spiral of the Galaxy piece by Marc Quinn and its relationship with the original shell became

Each instrument uses itself to show how people are different, but we also come together and play at the same time.

—Jessica Eubanks,
Musical Composition Student

the inspiration for their works. Stevenson said for one of his pieces, he channeled the delicate sound of the ocean the original shell could provide.

“It brings back the nostalgia of being at the beach and how you can kind of take this immense, unmanageable ocean and bringing it to this small form,” Stevenson said.

In an effort to integrate her childhood love for science and mathematics with her passion for music composition, Ma based her composition on a triangular number sequence she created. Her piece, titled Quintuple Helix, draws upon a DNA relationship between the metal shell and the real one.

“I am also very inspired by (how) he 3D printed from an actual conch

shell,” Ma said. “That is something you can hold in your palm, and now it is this huge bronze thing that is sitting in the middle of the urban landscape, being very much part of it rather than something you can pick off the beach, handle in your palm.”

When Stevenson found out others were also using the Spiral of the Galaxy, he said he planned to pick another piece to maintain variety but said later thought it was more important to reflect the different views each of them had about the same work.

“It is really interesting how we have all presented a completely different perspective on this one piece of art,” Stevenson said. “That is the purpose of the Landmarks project — to have people interpret the art in new and different ways.”

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